MR. N. RAMAMURTI: I cannot say exactly, Sir; but approximately about eight months.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether he had any talk with the authorities of the private bus service with regard to this matter?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether he has made any arrangements or agreements with the Managing Director of the Union Transport Ltd., regarding the running of feeder trips from Alwaye to Parur at the Express rate?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the Proprietors of that Union complained that their service is being affected by the increased number of trips of the Transport service?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that Union service is running buses on that line at the rate of Express service?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: I am not aware of that.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether there was a discussion on this matter with the Proprietor?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: There was no discussion between the Director of Transport and the Proprietor of the Union, but there was discussion between the State Motor Transport Controller and the Director of Transport.

Profit from the Transport Department.

312. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the net profit from the Transport Department in each of the year 1118, 1119 and 1120 and of 1121 till 1-12-1121;

(*b*) what amenities are provided for passengers in each important centre in the Transport service lines;

(*c*) whether convenient waiting rooms have been provided for in all such important centres, for the travellers to wait during day and to sleep during night:

(*d*) whether arrangements have been made to keep the present narrow waiting rooms tidy and clean; and

(*e*) whether proper arrangements have been made to keep the running buses clean and comfortable for the passengers to travel in and if so, what?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI:

(*a*) 1118—S. Rs. 8,71,039-0-6,
1119—S. Rs. 12,85,560-23-7,
1120—S. Rs. 15,29,891-0-3 (subject to audit)
1121—S. Rs. 18,00,000 (anticipated)

(*b*) Waiting sheds with urinals have been provided.

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(*c*) Yes, at almost all centres. No provision is however made for passengers to sleep during night in such waiting sheds.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. Cleaning the buses on termination of each trip and using suitable insecticides.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member what are the centres where sheds are provided north of Trivandrum?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Kottarakara, Thiruvalla and Kottayam.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether Pandalam and Chengannoor are also centres, considering the fact that they are junctions, and where waiting-sheds should be provided?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: There is a waiting shed at Chengannoor.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there is any waiting shed at Thiruvella?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes Sir, there is.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: There is no waiting-shed but only the office of the Transport Department and also a parcel office.

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: There is no office, but there is a time-keeper and the balance of the accommodations is available for the passengers.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: That is the office of the time-keeper. May I know whether the waiting-shed to which the member has referred is the office of the time-keeper?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Officially there is no office for the time-keeper.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it is the waiting-shed or the office of the time-keeper?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: It is the waiting shed.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*): May I know whether there is a waiting-shed at Adoor?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T.P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: On page 54 of the next year's budget we find that the gross receipts in 1120 were Rs. 43,78,051 working expenses Rs. 33,18,742 and net profit Rs. 10,59,309, but the answer given in para (a) against 1120 is Rs. 15,29,891-0-3 (subject to audit). May I know from the honourable member why this mistake has crept in?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: It is easily answered. The figures given in the answer are according to the balance sheet and the figures shown in the budget are according to the drawing account of the Government. That has been explained by the Financial Secretary.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The budget is prepared according to the cash basis and the receipts are on the basis of commercial accounts.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the member whether there was an undertaking by Government that both these systems of accounting should be furnished to the member of the Legislature?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the undertakiug has been fulfilled so far as it relates to the next year's budget ?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: No. Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member whether he has inspected these sheds at any time ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether he is aware that these sheds are inadequate for these passengers ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Due to the paucity of building materials it was not possible to construct waiting sheds. It is proposed during the years 1122 and 1123 to construct new sheds at all these places.

MR P. M. VERGHESE: May I know whether the honourable member is aware, with regard to answer (*e*), that the seats provided in the ordinary buses are very inconvenient for human beings to sit?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: I am aware that the present batten seats are a little inconvenient for the passengers. We are awaiting the supply of leather so that we could prepare cushioned seats.

MR. K. M. PAUL (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): In view of the growing importance of Alwaye and the huge traffic from and to that place, is there any proposal with the department to construct a permanent waiting shed at Alwaye?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir. We discussed the matter with the South Indian Railway and have agreed to construct a combined waiting-shed at the Railway Station at Alwaye.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know, whether the honourable member is aware that quite a number of buses are leaking, that travel is very inconvenient especially in town service and that a certain number of Express buses are also leaking ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what has been done in this regard ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: We have been withdrawing these buses and repairing their roofs.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether he has travelled in these buses ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Quite recently.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: To which place ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: From Trivandrum to Shencottah and back.

MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether there is a proper waiting-shed at Quilon ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI; There is one.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know whether he has ever inspected a bus starting from the Central stand early in the morning ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: With reference to answer (*e*) may I know whether he has inspected the buses ? How can he know that they are clean without inspecting them early in the morning ?

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MR. N. RAMAMURTI : I have inspected the subsequent buses ?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : May I ask the Director whether he found the buses clean at his subsequent inspections ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : Yes, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : May I know the name of the insecticide that is being used ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : We are experimenting with D. D. T.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : It seems that you are using bug-breeders and not insecticide. (*Laughter.*) We have plenty of bugs.

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : It was only an experiment and it is being tried in the buses.

Transport Department.

313. ✻ MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total income from the Transport Department this year till the end of Edavom ; and

(*b*) the total expenditure during the period ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : (*a*) S. Rs. 49,83,511-6 chs. 1 cash.

(*b*) S. Rs. 33,88,000 (approximate).

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member whether there are any statistics from which it is possible to ascertain, if there is no overloading in the buses to the extent of 60 per cent, the State Transport Department could make any profit by running the service ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : Yes Sir, and there are statistics.

MR. T. K. NARYANA PILLAI : May I know from the member whether those statistics are available in the office to persue ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : Any honourable member is welcome to come to the office of the Director and these statistics will be shown to him.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member whether these statistics have been published ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : Such information is not published usually.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know whether it is only working expenses that is indicated in the answer ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : No, it includes interests on capital and other charges.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know from the honourable member whether it includes any capital expenditure ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : Capital expenditure does not come under working expenses.

Levy of additional charges in Transport buses.

314. ✻ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that from travellers in Transport bus from Kottarakara, additional charges are levied for proceeding to any place beyond the former central toll gate at Adoor, in spite of the fact that Adoor proper with its officers is beyond that point and up to the western toll gate ; and

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